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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

5 By: Senator A. Clark  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON GAMBLING DISORDER  
9 PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; TO  
10 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON GAMBLING DISORDER  
14 PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND  
15 EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. (a) The University of  
22 Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
23 shall partner to conduct a study of the existing occurrence of gambling  
24 disorders in the state and methods to prevent and treat gambling disorders.

25 (b) In conducting the study, the University of Arkansas for Medical  
26 Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall:

27 (1) Examine and describe the existing:

28 (A) Prevalence of gambling disorders in the state; and

29 (B) Programs available that prevent and address the  
30 harmful consequences of gambling disorders; and

31 (2) Collaborate with scientists and physicians to examine the:

32 (A) Current research as to the:

33 (i) Causes of gambling disorders; and

34 (ii) Effects of gambling disorders on mental and  
35 physical health; and

36 (B) Treatment methods for gambling disorders currently



1 available in the state.

2 (c) By December 1, 2018, the University of Arkansas for Medical  
3 Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall report the  
4 findings of the study and provide recommendations on methods to supplement or  
5 improve gambling disorder prevention, treatment, counseling, and education  
6 services in this state to the:

7 (1) Lottery Oversight Subcommittee;

8 (2) Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

9 (3) House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

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11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that many residents of this state  
13 suffer from issues related to gambling disorders; that conducting a study on  
14 the prevalence of gambling disorders and treatment options would provide  
15 guidance on methods to address these issues; and that this act is immediately  
16 necessary to protect the health and well-being of these residents. Therefore,  
17 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary  
18 for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
19 effective on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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27 /s/A. Clark  
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